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SUMMARY: US AND UK RESERVES AND ALLEGED FRG REACTION TO THEM HAVE DRAWN PRESS ATTENTION HERE. TWO LOCAL PAPERS REPORT POWER PLANT HAS BEEN "BLOCKED" BY THE TWO ALLIES. ONE REPORT GOES FURTHER TO DISCUSS COCOM LIMITS ON COMPUTER SALES TO USSR. END SUMMARY.

1. TWO PARIS DAILIES CARRY STORIES JANUARY 17 ON ACTION BY US AND UK IN COCOM CONCERNING PROPOSED POWER PLANT SALE. "LES ECHOS," WHICH SPECIALIZES IN ECONOMIC NEWS, REPORTS ALLEGED GERMAN IRRITATION OVER US-UK "INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC GERMAN AFFAIRS," AND OF "LONG AMERICAN SHADOW" CAST OVER INDUSTRIAL MATTERS. WHY MAKE TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS AND SUCCEED IN PENETRATING A
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MARKET, RHETORICALLY ASKS THE PAPER, IF AT THE END OF

THE TRAIL ONE COMES UP AGAINST AMERICAN CONGRESS AND "SACROSANCT" RULES OF COCOM? UNSPECIFIED ROLE IS ASSIGNED TO CONGRESS, OTHER THAN HAVING "UNSHEATHED ITS CLAWS" AT TIME OF FRANCO-SOVIET NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SPECULATE ON SOVIET NEED FOR WESTERN TECHNOLOGY AND HOW TO OBTAIN IT IN WAKE OF RENUNCIATION OF US-USSR TRADE AGREEMENT. IT STATES THAT THE AMERICAN SENATORS OPPOSED THE LIBERALIZATION OF THE EMBARGO ON COMPUTERS TO AS GREAT AN EXTENT AS DESIRED BY CIL. HERE, FOR ONCE, US FOUND ITSELF OPPOSED BY FRANCE AND UK.

3. BRIEF ARTICLE IN LE MONDE CITES NYTIMES REPORT (ALSO CARRIED IN PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE JAN. 16) AS SOURCE FOR STATEMENT THAT US AND UK HAD BROUGHT COCOM RULES INTO PLAY IN ORDER TO BLOCK SALE OF THE PLANT.

4. COPY OF "LES ECHOS" BEING POUCHED TO EB/EWT.
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